

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE REMARKABLE
LIFE OF PASTOR PHILLIP
AQUILLA BROOKS, II

HON. BRENDA L. LAWRENCE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Pastor Phillip Aquilla Brooks, II, a man who dedicated his life to public service and to his church community for nearly seven decades.

Pastor Brooks was born on December 21, 1931, after his older brothers, Jesse and Cecil, and followed by his little sister, Barbara Jean. In 1949, he moved from Chicago, Illinois, to Detroit, Michigan, to pursue his religious calling and after meeting the love of his life. Phillip Brooks married Doris Brooks on February 2, 1952, and they enjoyed an astounding 68 years of marriage. With his wife and his mother-in-law, Pastor Brooks established the New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God In Christ in Detroit, which he would go on to lead for 66 incredible years.

Under Pastor Brooks' guiding hand, the New St. Paul Tabernacle Church of God In Christ grew in both membership and expanded its evangelical reach. Pastor Brooks purchased the church's first building in April 1969. He later established the March of Faith Telecast and Radio Ministry, which operated for more than four decades, and ministered to millions across the nation in homes, hospital rooms, and prisons. Adding to an already impressive career of service, Pastor Brooks was consecrated Jurisdictional prelate of the Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction in 1975 following a recommendation by his mentor, the late Pastor C.J. Johnson, Sr. He served 45 years as jurisdictional prelate—the longest serving Pastor in both the Northeast Michigan Jurisdiction and in the history of the Church of God in Christ in Michigan. In 1984, Pastor Brooks was once again recognized for his service and elected to the General Board of the Presidium of the Church of God in Christ, where he served for 36 years. His tenure on the Presidium was the longest of any Board Member, past or present, and he held multiple leadership positions with grace.

Pastor Brooks' service did not end at the Michigan border. He spearheaded and assisted in raising funds for people affected by the 9/11 World Trade Center terrorist attack in New York and Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Additionally, he also established the nation's first Blue Cross/Blue Shield Program for local pastors, which created the first life insurance programs for local pastors and their spouses. Pastor Brooks was also the first African-American pastor to broadcast on television in Detroit, Michigan—a broadcast that aired on WGPR 62, the first Black-owned television station in the country.

Pastor Brooks will be sorely missed, but his decades of service in the Church of God in Christ in Michigan will never be forgotten.

CARL F. EIBERGER II

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carl F. Eiberger II of Golden, Colorado who passed away on March 6, 2021.

Carl was born in 1931 and raised during the Great Depression, growing up in extreme poverty in Denver. He was able to use his education to pull him and his family out of poverty. After graduating as valedictorian from St. Joseph's Catholic School in Denver, he turned down a full-ride scholarship to Princeton. Instead he studied at the University of Notre Dame on a much smaller scholarship, aided by his job working in the school's kitchen as a sanitation worker. Carl ultimately graduated magna cum laude with a degree in chemistry in 1952. He then went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from Notre Dame, again graduating magna cum laude. That same year, the U.S. Department of Justice named him one of 25 outstanding law graduates in the nation. Notre Dame Lawyers Committee News hailed him as "the driving force in opening the lines of communication of Notre Dame lawyers and aspiring lawyers in Colorado."

Carl eventually returned to Colorado and married Arvada native, Margurette Dickerson. The couple later had four children together.

Carl was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hike in Golden, especially on top of South Table Mountain. His love of South Table Mountain fueled his ongoing and tireless stewardship of the area, including his decades long pro bono work to preserve the mountain top and hiking trails and prevent commercial development. In his honor, Jefferson County Open Space has named a trail on the northeast side of South Table Mountain as "Carl's Point".

Additionally, his children fondly remember waterskiing on Sloan's Lake every weekend, and occasionally piling into the family station wagon to drive thousands of miles on road trips to see museums, memorials, and events that are cornerstones of American liberty and progress. Carl's family road trips included destinations such as the Civil War Memorial, the Liberty Bell, and even a satellite launch at Cape Canaveral.

Specializing in labor and employment, Carl was a practicing lawyer in the Denver area for more than 65 years. Notable clients of his include AT&T, Proctor and Gamble, Old Bell systems, Conoco, AAA and the Denver Post.

Carl was a devoted and loving partner, father, and grandfather. He is survived by three of his children, two grandchildren, and long-time companion Dr. Carol Schneider.

HONORING NATASHA LEWIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Natasha Lewis.

Ms. Lewis graduated on April 29, 2021, obtaining her Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences from the University of Mississippi. Ms. Lewis is originally from Port Gibson, Mississippi and is a graduate of Port Gibson High School, Class of 2013.

While at the University of Mississippi, Ms. Lewis was a Lucky Day Scholar and received numerous professional certifications—IPE Naloxone Training, delivering MTM services, Pharmacy-Centered Diabetes Care, Pharmacy-Based Immunization Delivery and Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification. Ms. Lewis' professional leadership, honors and awards include serving as Community Services Chair SNPhA, Pharmacy Ambassador, the nominating Committee Chair of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, 2nd Vice President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the recipient of the Walgreen Diversity Scholarship.

Ms. Lewis served as a Pharmacy Intern at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, as well as the CVS Pharmacy in Oxford. She is the daughter of Mrs. Norma Thompson-Lewis of Port Gibson, MS, and Mr. Joseph Lewis of Boston, MA. Ms. Lewis is the twin sister to Natalie Lewis who received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Baptist College of Health Science and is currently a Traveling Nurse.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Natasha Lewis for her passion and dedication for success and desire to make a difference in the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR
RICHARD "DICK" STARLIPER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Richard "Dick" Starliper for his outstanding service to the Waynesboro community.

For decades, Mayor Starliper has demonstrated his dedication to the people of Waynesboro. Currently, he is serving in his 16th year in office. Prior to his tenure as mayor, he served as a Waynesboro Borough Councilman for 14 years. During this time, worked to promote small businesses, expand Waynesboro's historic downtown, cut taxes, and ensure the safety of Waynesboro residents.

In addition to his official duties, Mayor Starliper is an active participant in the

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